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AGRICULTURE AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY IN FULTON COUNTY.

By John A. McClure—
Inspector and Institute Director

From our experience in agricultural matters and co-operation among the farmers of Fulton county, we are aware that we are treading on forbidden ground when we shall attempt to throw out a few hints on subjects that are of vital importance, not only to the agricultural classes of this county, but to the other counties adjoining us. "Book Farming," as ideas along progressive lines are sneeringly referred to, has found its way to the heads, and into the practice of all broad minded and liberal thinkers, and the farmer who still persists in applying his unjust epithet to modern ideas, and blindly pursues the slipshod methods that are holding him at the mercy of the money-lender and cheap prices for the fruits of his labor, will find himself in a class more extensive than the ones he has derided and scoffed at for his progressive ways and modern methods. In our experience in institute work in fifty-two counties of Kentucky in the last two years as lecturer and director, and a farm experience of over thirty years previous to this work, we think we can predicate our methods and future experiments upon experience, study, and observation. The fact of our being called into the field this year by the Department of Agriculture of the State of Kentucky, as a director of one of the institute areas is all the vindication that could be demanded by any reasonable person. We have no apologies to make, none are needed, for the methods we shall advocate for the benefit of honest farmers, those who are seeking better methods and who are anxious for larger and more profitable yields of wheat, corn and legumes, a more profitable and economic system of breeding and feeding cattle and hogs; successful corn raising, and experiments with alfalfa; the latter, as my neighbors are aware, we have no practical experience with, but we flatter ourselves that we have chosen a close neighbor of this invaluable legume, and have been aided by the experience of practical men, who have experimented for the Department of Agriculture of the United States, and succeeded after many and discouraging failures. The conditions of alfalfa growing in Kentucky must be made, this knowledge has been

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obtained by these men and their verdict is: "Alfalfa can be successfully grown in this state." Along these lines through which they have achieved success, we shall experiment and the farmers of Fulton county can have the benefit of these experiments or refuse them, just as they see fit. It is a matter of election and not coercion.

In the early spring, through the co-operation of the merchants of Hickman and Fulton, and the progressive farmers of the county, we shall distribute the best bred seed corn raised in the state, corn that is thoroughly acclimated, to the boys who will take an interest in this matter and who will cultivate and breed according to the instructions laid down for the participants by the National Corn Growers Association. Liberal premiums will be offered for the best effort, and the best samples of corn offered at the end of the season. This feature will be more fully described in these columns in the future. We ask the boys of Fulton county to consider this proposition carefully and let us get in touch with you, there is more behind this matter than you are aware of but which will develop as we find your interest grows.

Articles on up-to-date, out-of-the-rut farming will appear at intervals; read them if you are not too busy or too prejudiced; criticize if you want to, but let your criticisms be based on honest opinions and practical knowledge; criticisms of this character will explode theories and bring facts into the limelight. But above all let your criticisms be fair and impartial. Practical demonstrations are the order of the day; let us be practical. The next talk will be on "Co-operation on the Farm."

Into the Subsoil.

Put lime into your soil and grow successful clover crops. It is cheaper than throwing away seed on acid soil.

A business education is economic freedom.

Human nature is the excuse commonly offered for a man who has been acting the hog.

There is more religion in digging out stumps this winter than in feeling sorry for cuss words and mule beating next season.

The farmer who does not know more about the basic principles of farming next spring than he does now will have wasted or mis-spent his winter evenings.

The average deposit per capita in the banks of Kentucky is \$86.66. After Christmas we will have our bank book balanced.

ODDFELLOWS NOTICE.

Thursday night, Dec. 30th, is the last meeting night of the year 1909. Election of officers, initiations and business of importance is before us, and you are urged to be present.—F. S. MOORE, N. G.

Frank Stewart, a negro hailing from some point in Illinois, was caught bootlegging with the goods on, last Thursday, and fined \$50. Not having the sixty bucks, he was given a 60-day work sentence. The arrest was made by Officers Wright and Hamby, who disguised themselves and pretended to be prospective purchasers of wet goods. An appointment was made with the negro to meet him at Dadds' cotton gin late in the evening and the bootlegger kept the appointment with the officers. He told them he had only ten pints, and wanted \$1.25 a quart for it. Hamby told the negro that he would take a quart and handed him the \$1.25. The negro took the money and the officers took the negro. To Judge Roney he stated that he ordered a gallon of whiskey from Geo. Goodman, at Cairo and when it came there were also ten empty pint bottles in the package with the liquor. The court wants to know now why Goodman sent these bottles.

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SOME FACTS ABOUT THE ROAD QUESTION.

Editors Courier:

I have just been reading your paper and the Fulton Commercial and note what you say about roads, cost of streets, etc.

When Mr. Eldridge was here (sent by Road Department, Washington, D. C.) I took him to Fulton up State Road and back via State Line. He assured me that we could build a good road up the State Road for three or four miles from Hickman for \$3,500 per mile. In the same way he said we could build three or four miles out from Fulton at about the same price per mile. But when we got near Cayce, he said there would be more work and more hauling so the cost would be greater. He also said that it would cost much more to build a good road on State Line than on State Road. In addition to this, I doubt the people on State Line subscribing as liberally as some on State Road. I am told there are three men who will give six thousand dollars to make a good road out from Hickman on State Road. Others will give seven hundred and fifty, five hundred and smaller amounts so that I think there could be funds raised to build a good road out three or four miles from Hickman, say to Hazel Dell School House.

Now is the time to get up the subscription, while the roads are bad. Raise the money now and send to Washington next spring as soon as the frost is out of the ground and the government will send one good man, perhaps two, to superintend the work free of charge. The railroads, no doubt, will give cut rates to haul gravel to build roads. Mr. Eldridge says they are doing this all over the country wherever the people will build good roads.

You say there will be a bill introduced to work convicts in stone quarries to get out stone for farmers, roads, etc. Why not put them in gravel pits on public roads as well?

Mr. Eldridge says that he has worked on roads for nine years, and has used all kinds of labor, but says that convicts are the cheapest hands we can get to build roads. A gentleman at Jackson, Tenn., where they are building excellent roads, told me the same thing.

If you can work up a friendly rivalry with Fulton and have her people build three or four miles out west to meet us it will be much better than to have the two towns fighting each other as they have been for so many

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KILLED BY TRAIN.

"Uncle" Clabe Riley, a well known negro of Union City, was run down and killed in the yards of the N. C. & St. L. Ry., last Wednesday about noon. The old man was very feeble and was walking through the yards when the train, in charge of Conductor J. B. Housley, of Hickman, backed in upon him. He was instantly killed.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

Fulton Circuit Court, Kentucky.

David Mann & Etc., plaintiff, against Mrs. A. L. Watson & Etc., defendants.

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of Fulton Circuit Court, rendered at the September term, thereof, 1909, in the above cause, for twenty-eight hundred sixty nine and 24/100 Dollars with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum from the — day of September, 1909, until paid, and costs herein, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Court House door in Hickman, Ky., to the highest bidder, at PUBLIC AUCTION, on the 17th day of January, 1910, at 2 o'clock p. m., or thereabout (being Circuit Court day), upon a credit of six months, the following described property, to-wit:

The one-fourth undivided interest of R. L. Watson in the real estate of R. D. Watson at the time of his death in Fulton County, Ky., and in Madrid Bend, and is bounded as follows: On the south side by a tract of land known as the Adams land, on the west and north by the meanders of the Mississippi river and on the east by the section lines between sections 10 and 11, 14 and 15 and 23.

Or sufficient thereof to produce the sums of money so ordered to be made. For the purchase price, the purchaser, with approved security or securities, must execute Bond, bearing legal interest from the day of sale until paid, and having the force and effect of a Judgment. Bidders will be prepared to comply promptly with these terms.

J. R. MILNER, Com.

W. S. Ellison, who has leased the lots now occupied by Dillon's Marble Works, will use this ground for a lumber yard. The sheds will be built in a short time.

It looks like Hickman has reformed. Last year at this time there was considerable drunkenness and rowdiness, but our efficient officers have put a quietus on it.



Santa Claus!

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